



Grinnell PARKS AND RECREATIONS BOARD meeting
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
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Minutes

ROLE CALL: Jean Reavis, Bill Molison, Ray Spriggs, Ralph Eyberg, Shawn Walters, Kama Small, Dave Popp and Kelly Rose. Guests – Kyle Pedersen and George Christinson

APPROVE AGENDA: At 7:06pm Reavis motioned to approve the agenda and Mollison seconded the motion.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: Spriggs motioned that we approve the April 13, 2015 meeting minutes and Molison seconded it.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Master Parks Plan – priority of projects, fundraising opportunities, grant writing, goals for 2014-2015 fiscal year
 - Central Park - Spriggs / Small / Molison
 - Summer Street Park - Queathem / Reavis / Walters
 - Parks and Cemetery Vegetation - Eyberg
 - Dog Park - Queathem / Reavis / Walters / Eyberg / Molison
 - Bailey Park - Walters
2. Arbor Lake–Bridge construction and bridge repair still in the works. Popp presented all board members with a map that points out the current locations of the bridge that needs repaired and the location of the possible new bridge. Small made a motion to look at plans for a simple crossing that involves a culvert and concrete over the top. This could be done at both locations and will serve the purpose for crossing and has a much lower price tag than repairing the washed out bridge and the construction of the new one. Walters seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Popp will discuss with Howard McDonough.
3. Dog Park –the Sub Committee still working on plan. Bark for your Park will be out for this year as we must have a piece of land ready for use. The Sub-committee will continue to work on options. Molison has reached out to a few entities about possible locations.
4. Park Improvement Fund – initial goal has been reached. Projects are being completed
 - Aquatic Center Shed – DONE
 - West Merrill Ball Diamond Shed – DONE
 - Park Entrance Signs - DONE
 - Lions Park Parking Lot – DONE
 - Summer Street Natural Playscape – one final build end of June
 - Summer Street Recreational Trail – Walters to finish off
 - West Merrill Restroom Renovation – phase 1 has started. Phase 2 will take place after summer season.

New doors and frames are installed. Tuck point has started on fireplace. The location of the water line as been found and the street will not need tearing up to increase pressure to fixtures. The drinking fountain will be installed soon. Phase 2 will include the new fixtures in the bathrooms.

- Miller Park Playground Equipment – has arrived and will need to be installed
- Arbor Lake South Side Trail – Duane Neff and Rose working on finishing up
- Pet Drinking Fountain– German’s working on Arbor Lake and West Merrill locations
- Bailey Park Shelter painting – DONE
- Bailey Park renovation – working on forming committee to help with renovation design and fundraising. This will include Skate Park also. Walters is making contact with those tht have shown interest in being on the sub-committee

5. Little Free Library at Bailey Park – has been installed
6. Request to plant tree at Arbor Lake: has been planted
7. Request from James Miller Family for park improvements – Boulder placed at Park Entrance. Looking at installing sidewalk from parking lot to shelter house in the spring. We are waiting on word from the family when the money is raised to install.
8. Memorial bench – Request to build a bench. We have requested to family to put in Summer St Park. Rose called family once again but they are still undecided.
9. Request to plant tree at Summer Street Park – Two maple trees were purchased by the Ernie Blankenfeld family and will be planted this spring at Summer Street Park. Rose to contact family to see if they want to be present when trees are planted. (Family is fine with planting trees on our own per phone call to Mrs. Blankenfeld)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Committee Reports – review committee and sub-committee assignments. It was motioned by Kama that we strike the COMMITTEE REPORTS at the end of the agenda and only assign board members to Master Parks plan project. We will list the name of the project followed by board members assigned to that project. Spriggs seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.
2. GPCF Grant Application – Rose submitted an application for the grant
3. Summer Games University – received request for park project for camp group July 14-16

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

- ~~1. Aquatics, & Athletics; Community wellness & children's activities (Kama and Kelly)~~
- ~~2. Alternative transportation routes & recreation trails; Senior activities, Central Park, & volunteer development (Liz, Jean, Kelly)~~
- ~~3. Public information and donor & volunteer development (Liz, Jean)~~
- ~~4. Vegetation management, turf management, tree maintenance, and park & grounds maintenance; Special planting projects, community beautification, and volunteer development (Ralph)~~

NOTES:

INQUIRES:

- Leo the Lion is back in Central Park
- Popp stated that the last piece of Skate Park equipment needs to be removed for safety reasons. The bottom ledge is rotted out and can't be repaired.
- Popp would like to move the two picnic shelters from Water Works Park to the North end of Arbor Lake. Spriggs motioned that the picnic shelters should be removed as Water Works Park is no longer considered a Park and they will be utilized at Arbor Lake more. Reavis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Popp will have them moved to Arbor Lake.
- Guest Kyle Pedersen suggested that we continue the work with keeping the geese out of Lake Nyanza and Miller Park. He would like to see a five foot wide section of grass kept un-mowed so the geese don't come on to the grass. Eyberg motioned that Popp contact the contract mower, Mike Shutts, to let the grass grow five feet from the shore to keep the geese away as they don't want to walk through the tall grass. Small seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
- Guest George Christinson shared a few concerns over the following items: Skate Park does not have many elements left after all the money that was spent on the original park. Water fountain at Bailey park has not been installed yet. Horseshoe game at Central Park has not been installed yet after several requests to install one. There continues to be a beaver problem at Arbor Lake. The South side of Arbor Lake trail is still not completed. Should post a sign at Skate Park to "Be Respectful and Have Fun".

ADJOURN: Spriggs made the motion at 8:48pm to adjourn the meeting and Reavis seconded.